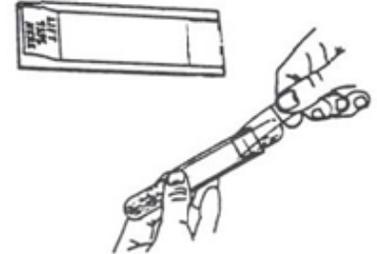


Pinworm Information Sheet

Use of Cellulose Tape Slide Preparation or Diagnosis of Pin Worm Infections

1. Clear cellulose tape about 2 inches long and $\frac{3}{4}$ inch wide is used. (Do not use frosted or "magic" tape as it is not transparent and cannot be examined readily with the microscope.) Hold the slide against a tongue depressor one inch from the end and lift the long portion of the tape from the slide.



2. Place the tape over the end of the depressor to expose the sticky surface. Hold the tape and slide against the tongue depressor.



3. Spread the patient's buttocks to expose the anus. (Preferably take the specimen a few hours after the person has retired or immediately after waking. Do not clean the anal area before taking the specimen.) Press the sticky side of tape gently to anus two or three times.



4. Lay the tape smoothly on a clean glass slide, sticky side down. Press gently to the slide with a piece of tissue or gauze.



Pinworm eggs